

STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

**WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY
IN THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR
FOR SENATE DISTRICT 54 IN DAKOTA AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES
AND OF A SPECIAL
PRIMARY TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES
FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION**

To the People of the State of Minnesota, and particularly of the Minnesota Senate District 54 in Dakota and Washington Counties; to the Secretary of State of Minnesota; to the auditors of Dakota and Washington Counties; to all election officials in District 54; and to all others who may be concerned.

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the office of State Senator for District 54 of the State of Minnesota, caused by the resignation of State Senator Dan Schoen, effective December 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a special election is necessary to fill this vacancy to assure representation for the citizens of District 54.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Dayton, as Governor of the State of Minnesota, acting under the authority and direction vested in me by the Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Section 4, Minnesota Statutes 2017, Sections 204D.17 through 204D.27, 351.01, 351.02, 351.055, and other relevant statutes, do hereby direct that:

1. A special election to fill the vacancy will be held in District 54 on Monday, February 12, 2018.
2. A special primary, if necessary, for the nomination of candidates for the office of State Senator for District 54 will be held on Monday, January 29, 2018.
3. Affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions for District 54 must be filed with the State or the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides from Monday, January 8, 2018, until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2017, Section 204D.23, subd. 5, affidavits of withdrawal for District 54 may be filed with the same official who received the affidavit of candidacy until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2018.
5. Notices of this special election and special primary must be given, the nomination and election of candidates must be conducted, and all things pertaining thereto must be done as provided by Minnesota Statutes 2017, Sections 204D.17 through 204D.27, and other applicable provisions of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the Capitol, in the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, on 4th day of December, 2017.



MARK DAYTON
Governor

Filed in Accordance with Law:



STEVE SIMON
Secretary of State